

ACT OF 3 APRIL 1930, 46 STAT. 139:

" SEC. 9. The Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the commission, is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with any individual, firm, or corporation acceptable to him for the erection of a suitable concession or refreshment building on the land acquired, or to be acquired, by the Secretary at the entrance to the Mount Vernon estate, such building to include comfort stations and rest rooms, with adequate space for a restaurant and for refreshment and souvenir stands. Said agreement shall provide for the erection of such building by the individual, firm, or corporation, party thereto, without cost to the United States, in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and by the commission, all work thereon to be subject to inspection and approval by the Secretary both during construction and upon completion. Such agreement shall also contain provision expressly reserving title to such building in the United States but granting to such individual, firm, or corporation, upon such terms and conditions, including the matter of revocation, as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, the right and privilege of conducting therein a restaurant with souvenir and refreshment stands for such period not exceeding ten years from the date of completion of the building and its final approval by the Secretary of Agriculture as he may determine. The individual, firm, or corporation entering into such an agreement shall complete the building to be erected in accordance herewith not later than January 1, 1932. At the expiration of the lease or privilege period such building shall become the property of the United States, free of all encumbrances and claims of any kind whatsoever, and thereafter the Secretary of Agriculture may enter into new agreements from time to time for the operation of said concession building on a rental basis. If the Secretary of Agriculture should be unable to negotiate and enter into an agreement satisfactory to him for the erection and operation of such concession building pursuant to the above, he then may construct a suitable concession building from funds appropriated for the purposes of this Act and enter into an agreement with any individual, firm, or corporation acceptable to him for its operation on a rental basis: Provided, That any plan of any building which may be constructed shall have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts."